

REMARKS

In the action mailed February 19, 2009, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1-4, 17, and 25-33;

Group II: claims 5-10 and 19-24;

Group III: claims 11 and 14-16; and

Group IV: claims 12, 13, and 18.

In a phone conference held with the Examiner on March 10, 2009, Applicant's representative (Scott Miller) explained to the Examiner that the groupings proposed by the Examiner did not properly divide the claims by subject matter. Applicant's representative pointed out that there was a more logical grouping of the claims, and Applicant's representative expressed willingness to elect prosecution of one of the more logical groups. The Examiner requested Applicant to submit the revised groupings in a response to the action. Thus, Applicant is doing so now.

Applicant submits that a more logical division of the claims would be into the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-10 and 25-33;

Group II: claims 11-15;

Group III: claims 19-24; and

Group IV: claims 16-18.

The claims in revised Group I relate to rendering content of email in a first voice mode and a second voice mode. The claims in revised Group II relate to rendering a first part of email content as speech and/or not rendering a second part of email content as speech. The claims in

revised Group III relate to responding to an email message rendered as speech by inserting a voice memo at a particular location in the email message. The claims in revised Group IV relate to an email server including a machine readable storage medium containing a set of instructions for parsing an email, where the instructions include inserting a tag in an email to separate email content.

Given these corrected groupings, Applicant would elect to proceed with prosecution of Group I (namely, claims 1-10 and 25-33). If the Examiner wishes to discuss this corrected grouping and election, Applicant invites the Examiner to call Mr. Scott Miller at 312-913-3350.

Respectfully submitted,

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